project, viz., from Bankura to Deliatore (20 Km.) has been sanctioned. Five tenders for earthwork and minor bridges for km. 0.6 to km. 20 have been finalised. Tenders for soil exploration and temporary office buildings are in the process of being awarded.

Direct Trains for State Capitals

3791. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the capitals of every State have been connected by direct trains;

(b) if not, the State capitals connected and not connected with direct trains; and

(c) whether Government would arrange a direct train to Gandhinagar (Gujarat) in the Millennium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Srinagar, Gangtok, Kohima, Imphal, Itanagar, Agartala, Shillong and Panjim are not connected to the Railway network. Shimla and Gandhinagar are not linked with Delhi by direct train. The remaining state capitals are connected to Delhi by direct services.

(c) Introduction of a direct train between Delhi and Gandhinagar is not feasible, at present, due to operational constraints.

Loss of Railways for provision for concessions

3792. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much loss is incurred by Railway on the provision for concession to the disabled and aged persons, annually;

(b) whether Government had constituted Reivew Task Force to review the plethora of concessions and if so, the details of recommendations made by the Task Force; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The exact figures relating to loss of revenue on account